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FOR: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM USING A MULTPLEX SIGNAL
CARRYING AN AUXILIARY SIGNAL

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated October 23, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE DRAWINGS :

As required by the Office Action, a proposed drawing correction (FIG. 4) is submitted herein.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 2, starting at line 17, in page 3 as follows:

The communication system according to Fig. 1 comprises a plurality of PBX's 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. The respective PBX's 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 comprise a compression server 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13. The PBX's are interconnected via 64kbit/sec channels 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24. The compression servers can compress speech signals to be transmitted according to several compression algorithms, such as G.728, G.729. They